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BATON ROUGE UFO BULLETIN

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JOHN D'AQUIN REPORTS VERY GOOD RESPONSE FROM HIS APPEAL FOR ENOUGH DOUGH TO PULL US OUT OF THE RED. UNFORTUNATELY ONE CONTRIBUTOR FORGOT TO SIGN HIS NAME TO HIS CONTRIBUTION AND THIS WILL CAUSE HIM TO BE STRIKEN FROM THE LIST. OUR METHOD IS THAT THE MAILING LIST BE CLEANED EVERY SO OFTEN IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE NOT WISHING TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN OR THOSE MOVED AWAY AND THE LIKE. TO THOSE CONTRIBUTORS OR THOSE SENDING IN THEIR NAMES FOR CONTINUED RECEPTION OF THE BULLETIN WHO WERE KIND TO HAVE A GOOD WORD FOR THE EFFORTS OF YOUR SCRIBE ... MANY THANKS. I DO NOT POSE THAT I SWEAT AND BLEED TO GET IT OUT BECAUSE SUCH WORK AS IS INVOLVED IS A LABOR OF LOVE AND SOMETHING I SHOULD DO IN ANY EVENT. THEN TOO, THINK ... HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN CHIP THEIR TEETH ABOUT THIS AND THAT, FLING OUT OPINIONS LIKE A DIRT FARMER SOWING OATS AND GET THE SIZE AND QUALITY OF AUDIENCE THAT I ENJOY.

TO THE WRITER OF THE LETTER SIGNED "INTERESTED" THANKS FOR THE KUDOS. THERE JUST MIGHT BE SOME COMMERCIAL EFFORT AT SOME UNSCHEDULED TIME IN THE FUTURE ON SOME OF THE SUBJECTS I HAVE TOUCHED IN THE BULLETIN. HOWEVER, AND HEREIN APPEARS THE QUALITY OF MY LISTENERS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, I'M AFRAID, WOULD NOT AGREE WITH ME AS WHOLE HEARTEDLY AS YOU DID. THERE ARE SOME FEW WHO WOULD LOCK UP THEIR DOGS, PUT THEIR CHILDREN TO BED, TURN OUT THE LIGHTS AND CALL THE COPS. IT IS THE CROSS OF THE MAN WHO MAKES AN EFFORT TO JACK UP HIS MENTAL PROCESSES AND TEAR THEM FROM THE MIRE OF MASS THOUGHT THAT MASS MENTALITY WILL BREAK OUT THE BULL WHIPS AND RUN AMOK. I AM A WRITER BY AVOCATION AND HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MY EFFORTS PUBLISHED AND NOT AT MY OWN EXPENSE SO AS I SAY ABOVE, SOME DAY I MIGHT TAKE A TURN AT THE SORT OF WRITING YOU SUGGESTED. ANY WAY...THANKS.

READERS OF THE COMIC STRIP, "SMILIN' JACK" WILL RECALL THAT HE IS INVESTIGATING WHAT HE CALLS THE WITCHBEAM SOMETHING THAT THE REDS ARE USING IN THE PACIFIC (ACCORDING TO SMILIN' JACK) TO CAUSE MISSILE FAILURES AT SOME SECRET TESTING GROUND.

I WAS MILDLY INTERESTED IN IT, THEN THE IDEA STRUCK ME THAT WITH ALL THE TEST FAILURES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AT CAPE CANAVERAL. MAYBE SOMEONE OUGHT TO INVESTIGATE THE AREA FOR A SIMILAR WITCHBEAM. IT IS NOT BEYOND REASON...AND WE HAVE MENTIONED IT BEFORE, TO SUSPECT THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE OUR MISSILES TO FAIL.

JOHN D'AQUIN SAYS THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR THE UFO BIBLIOGRAPHY WHICH WAS COMPILED BY COLONEL EMERSON AND SENT TO ALL UFO FORUM MEMBERS. THE INTERESTING ANGLE IS THE VARIED OVERSEAS REQUESTS FROM SUCH WIDELY SEPARATED SPOTS AS DENMARK, FINLAND AND AUSTRALIA...AND OTHERS.

JOHN ASKS THAT I MENTION THAT OUR MEETING DATES HAVE BEEN DISTURBED AGAIN BECAUSE OF SOME UPSETS IN THE SCHEDULE OF SOME OF OUR SPEAKERS. SINCE WE ARE NOT OVERBURDENED WITH SPEAKERS THEN WE MUST ADJUST TO THE FLUCTUATIONS OF THEIR AVAILABLE TIME. POSSIBLY IN A MONTH OR SO IT WILL ALL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT AGAIN.

CAME SEVERAL LETTERS APPLAUDING THE SCOPE OF THE BULLETIN BUT IN THAT I MUST PLEAD INNOCENT TO INTENT. IT EITHER HAS TO BE BROAD OR A PRETTY SKIMPY BULLETIN. I DID NOT SHOULDER THIS PLEASANT LITTLE CHORE TO REPRINT EVERY SIGHTING THAT CAME OUT IN ANY OF THE NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO ME. A CONTROVERSIAL SIGHTING OR OCCURRENCE I'LL BE GLAD TO PASS ON BUT BARE SIGHTINGS UNLESS THEY HAVE SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THEM OR ARE OF LOCAL ORIGIN CAN BE A PRETTY OLD HAT AND ALMOST ANY FOLLOWER OF THE STUDY CAN QUOTE PARALLELS BY THE DOZEN. SUCH SIGHTINGS ARE IMPORTANT SINCE THEY SWELL AN ALREADY LOADED TOTAL BUT TO REPEAT THEM JUST TO MAKE LINAGE COULD BECOME A BORE FOR THE WRITER AND HIS READERS. I THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE LIKED THE PSYCHIATRIC CONTENT, WITH ONLY ONE BERATING ME FOR WHAT HE CALLED "DISRESPECTFUL TREATMENT OF THE FATHER OF PSYCHIATRY". LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY. FREUD, IN MY OPINION COULD BETTER BE CALLED THE FATHER OF PSYCHOANALYSIS AND SUCH DISRESPECT AS MIGHT HAVE SEEMED WAS DIRECTED MORE TOWARD THE MEN WHO CLING DOGGEDLY TO TENETS AS ADVANCED BY THE FATHER...EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF DESERTING, AS ONE OF THEIR NUMBER, ACCUSED, BASIC RESEARCH AND CLINICAL METHODS.

MOST OF WHAT I HAVE SAID ABOUT FREUD AND FREUDIAN PSYCHIATRY HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE MOUTHS OF THESE VERY MENS' COLLEAGUES. IF MEN IN THEIR OWN PROFESSION THINK THAT THEIR IDEAS AND METHODS ARE FULL OF HOLES THEN I THINK IT A CASE FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION.

AS AN EXAMPLE HERE IS A QUOTATION FROM "M.D." MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY. "RESEARCH WILL CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE VARIOUS FORMS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE CHEMICAL AND METABOLIC SUBSTANCES: E.G., THE NUCLEAR PROTEINS OF THE BRAIN, SEROTONIN, ACTH?

THE ABOVE MENTIONED RESEARCH HAS ALREADY BEEN GONE INTO AND THERE ARE DEFINITE INDICATIONS ALTHOUGH NOT ENOUGH FOR THE RESEARCHERS TO BECOME JUBILANT BECAUSE NO ETHICAL CLINICIAN WILL ALLOW EARLY SUCCESSES TO DISTORT HIS OBJECTIVITY. LITERATURE IS LOADED WITH EXAMPLES THAT GAVE AN EARLY PROMISE THEN FAILED IN THE STRETCH. ONE THAT COMES TO MIND IS THE EARLY ENTHUSIASM THAT GREETED THE CORTICOSTEROID GROUP OF DRUGS (CORTISONE AND ACTH) IN THE TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS. THEY HAVE DONE SOME GOOD AND AT THE VERY LEAST ADDED TO THE ALREADY IMPOSING LIBRARY OF ANTI-ARTHRITIC DRUGS BUT THEY HAVE NOT PROVEN THE LAST ANSWER IN CHEMOTHERAPY. ONE DOCTOR REMARKED SADLY, "YES... CORTISONE WILL GET ALL THE PUBLICITY AND PEOPLE WILL DEMAND IT. FIVE YEARS LATER THE DRUG OF CHOICE WILL STILL BE ASPIRIN".

IT IS ANNOYING TO LEAF THROUGH A MAGAZINE YOU KNOW YOU'VE READ THEN FIND SOMETHING YOU'RE EQUALLY CERTAIN YOU MISSED THE FIRST TIME THROUGH. THE OTHER DAY I PICKED UP THE LAST JULY ISSUE OF MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED AND FOUND A TOPNOTCH ARTICLE ON ANTI-GRAVITY RESEARCH.

HERE ARE SOME QUOTES IN FULL AND PART. "SINCE 1953 THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S PROJECT MAGNET HAS BEEN WORKING ON A GRAVITY-DEFYING VEHICLE POWERED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCES. AT LEAST 14 UNITED STATES UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER RESEARCH CENTERS ARE HARD AT WORK CRACKING THE GRAVITY BARRIER. AND BACKING THE BASIC RESEARCH WITH MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SECRET PROJECTS IS OUR AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY. CONVAIR ON THE WEST COAST, GLYNN L. MARTIN, AIRCRAFT COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, BELL AIRCRAFT COMPANY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND SPERRY GYROSCOPE COMPANY OF LONG NECK L.I. MAINTAINS TEAMS OF RESEARCHERS AND ENGINEERS PRYING INTO NATURE'S MOST JEALOUSLY GUARDED SECRET? STATED THE LATE LAWRENCE D. BELL, BUILDER OF SUCH WWII STANDBYS AS THE BELL AIROCOBRA OR P-39: "WE ARE WORKING WITH NUCLEAR FUELS AND EQUIPMENT TO CANCEL OUT GRAVITY INSTEAD OF FIGHTING IT".

"UNTIL RECENTLY", WROTE DR. DESER AND DR. ARVOWITT, "GRAVITY COULD BE OBSERVED BUT NOT EXPERIMENTED ON IN A CONTROLLED FASHION." BUT THE NEW PARTICLES OF THE ATOM WHICH HAVE BEEN LINKED WITH THE GRAVITATIONAL FIELD CAN NOW BE EXAMINED AND WORKED WITH AT WILL".

ONE INTERESTING RESULT WAS MENTIONED IF WE EVER WHIP GRAVITY: "FOR EASE OF CALCULATION SUPPOSE WE TAKE OUT GRAVITY-SHIP TO THE EQUATOR WHERE THE ROTATIONAL SPEED IS OF THE EARTH IS ABOUT 1,000 MPH. WITH OUR ANTI-GRAVITY SHIELD COMPLETELY SHUT THE G-SHIP WOULD BE HURLED INTO SPACE JUST AS A PARTICLE OF MUD IS HURLED FROM A SPINNING TIRE".

IN DESCRIBING THE G-SHIP THE WRITER, MICHAEL GLADYCH, COMES PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO DESCRIBING A UFO." ITS SPHERICAL SHAPE IS DICTATED BY INTERNAL PRESSURIZATION NECESSARY FOR HIGH ALTITUDE AND SPACE TRAVEL. FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF ENGINEERING, A SPHERE IS IDEAL FOR COPING WITH THE PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL. ALSO IT GIVES MAXIMUM VOLUME FOR ITS DEMENSIONS...SINCE THE SHIP WOULD TAKE OFF AND LAND IN ATMOSPHERE, THERE WOULD BE TWO PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME---THE HEAT CAUSED BY AIR FRICTION AND THE QUESTION OF AIR DRAG OF THE SPHERICAL SHAPE.

TO TAKE THE SINGE OUT OF THE FRICTION HEAT CANADIAN SCIENTISTS HEADED BY WILBUR B. SMITH CONTEMPLATE AN INGENIOUS ELECTROMAGNETIC DEVICE. SWITCHED ON BEFORE TAKEOFF THE DEVICE WOULD ATTRACT AND HOLD FAST A LARGE PORTION OF THE AIR AROUND THE SHIP. THIS CAPTURED "BOUNDARY CUSHION" WOULD MOVE WITH THE SHIP. THEREFORE THE AIR FRICTION WOULD TAKE PLACE AT A DISTANCE FROM THE SHIP AND THE HEAT WOULD BE DISSIPATED BEFORE IT COULD WARM UP THE SHIPS ANTI-GRAVITY SHIELD. THE MASS OF CAPTIVE AIR WOULD BE SHAPED INTO THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS AERODYNAMIC FORM. A TEAR DROP FOR MODERATE SPEEDS A SHARP-ENDED SPINDLE FOR SUPERSONICS AND A CUP-LIKE SHAPE FOR AIDING DECELERATION?

IF THAT IS OR CAN BE TRUE THEN A GREAT MANY THINGS WONDERED ABOUT UFO'S MIGHT BE ANSWERED SUCH AS THE CHANGING OF SHAPE, HALOS AND VARIOUS CHANGES IN COLOR AND LIGHTING. STATIONARY OBJECTS ARE OFTEN GLOBULAR IN SHAPE. FAST MOVING OBJECTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE SEEM SAUCER SHAPED. MOST REALLY CLOSE UP SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS GLOBULAR OR CIGAR SHAPED.

SAYS LIFE MAGAZINE, JANUARY 6, 1958, "THERE WILL BE (IN 1958) AUTHENTICATED SIGHTINGS OF ROUGHLY 200 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OF WHICH THE PENTAGON WILL BE ABLE TO DISAPPROVE 210". IT TOOK LIFE AND TIME A GOOD WHILE TO FALL IN LINE BUT THEY'RE GETTING THERE FAST.

IN TIME MAGAZINE, MARCH 3, 1958. "DO PLANETS, OTHER THAN EARTH SUSTAIN THINKING CREATURES? PHILOSOPHERS, THEOLOGIANs, SCIENTISTS, FICTION WRITERS AND ORDINARY PEOPLE HAVE SPECULATED ON THE QUESTION FOR CENTURIES. NOW A WIDELY HONORED SCIENTIST, HAVING PONDERED LONG ON THE SUBJECT MAKES HIS ANSWER: YES! SAYS RUSSIAN BORN OTTO STRUVE, HEAD OF THE ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY: THE MILKY WAY GALAXY, THE GREAT SWARM OF STARS TO WHICH THE SUN BELONGS, ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTAINS MILLIONS OF PLANETS INHABITED BY INTELLIGENT LIFE. ANY STAR THAT ROTATES SLOWLY, SAYS DR. STRUVE, IS LIKELY TO HAVE A BROOD OF PLANETS. SINCE THE WHOLE GALAXY CONTAINS ABOUT 100 BILLION STARS, DR. STRUVE CALCULATES THAT IT HAS 10 BILLION SLOW SPINNING STARS WITH PLANETS REVOLVING AROUND THEM. THE SUN HAS EIGHT PLANETS NOT COUNTING PLUTO BUT IF THE AVERAGE STAR WITH PLANETS HAS ONLY FIVE THERE MUST BE FIFTY BILLION PLANETS IN THE GALAXY.

ASSUMING THAT LIFE APPEARS WHERE CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE, STRUVE CALCULATES THAT ONE BILLION OF THE GALAXY'S 50 BILLION PLANETS HAVE LIFE OF SOME SORT ON THEM NOW. NOT ALL LIFE IS THINKING LIFE BUT STRUVE FIGURES THAT BETWEEN ONE MILLION AND TEN MILLION HAVE CREATURES ON THEM JUST AS INTELLIGENT AS PRESENT DAY EARTHLINGS. "DR. STRUVE THINKS THAT SOME OF THE SUPER-NOVAS HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY INTELLIGENCE THAT GOT AHEAD OF ITSELF. IT IS PERFECTLY CONCEIVABLE THAT SOME INTELLIGENT RACE MEDDLED ONCE TOO OFTEN WITH NUCLEAR LAWS AND BLEW THEMSELVES TO BITS".

I DISLIKE TIME'S IMPLICATION THAT THEY ACCEPT THIS JUST BECAUSE DR. STRUVE MADE THE PRONOUNCEMENT. I REFER THEM TO PERCIVAL LOWELL AND TOO MANY OTHERS TO NAME WHO CAME TO SIMILAR CONCLUSION. I DON'T THINK THAT DR. STRUVE IS IN POSSESSION OF ANY MORE FACTS THAN LOWELL HAD. FOR THAT MATTER I DON'T THINK HE'S IN POSSESSION OF ANY MORE FACTS THAN COLONEL EMERSON HAD THREE YEARS AGO WHEN HE TOLD US THE SAME THING REGARDING THE POSSIBILITIES OF OTHER INTELLIGENCES IN OUR GALAXY. IN FACT, ONE MIGHT STRETCH SUSPICION AND CONCLUDE THAT THE GOOD COLONEL HAD BEEN HOLDING ON TO HIS REASONINGS AND HAD ONLY JUST NOW LET DR. STRUVE IN ON THEM. IN THAT UNLIKELY EVENT, I THINK, IT WAS PRETTY LOW OF THE COLONEL AND HE SHOULD BE HARSHLY CENSURED FOR HIS INTELLECTUAL PARSIMONY.

IN TIME MAGAZINE (SAME ISSUE) IS AN ACCOUNT OF THE NAVY'S NEW IDEA ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE SUBMARINE IN NUCLEAR WARFARE. THEY'VE NOW JUMPED INTO THE NUCLEAR SUB, POLARIS MISSILE TEAM IDEA WITH ALL FEET AND HOPE TO HAVE THEM OPERATIONAL BY 1963...AN EARLY "TARGET DATE" WHICH DUE TO PHENOMENAL PROGRESS MIGHT BE JACKED BACK TO 1960. THE NAVY WITH SOME GLEE POINTS OUT THAT FORTY SUBS CARRYING 16 POLARIS MISSILES WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS WILL BE ABLE TO HIT ALL BUT A SMALL FRAGMENT OF RUSSIA AT WILL. WITH EVEN MORE GLEE THEY SHOW THAT THE COST OF THIS ARMAMENT WILL BE 7 BILLION BUCKS, SO WHY NOT JUNK THE AIR FORCE? I JUST HOPE THAT THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH MEN AT THE WHEEL WHO WILL SEE THE FOLLY OF LATCHING ON TO ANY SINGLE FORCE AS EITHER THE DEFENSIVE OR OFFENSIVE ULTIMATE. THERE NEVER WAS A WAR IN WHICH ALL THE WEAPONS AND TACTICS WERE NEW. MANY WARS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT AND WON WITH THE LAST WAR'S ARMAMENT. THE RIFLE HAS SOME ADVANTAGES OVER THE BOW AND ARROW BUT ASIDE FROM RANGE THE CYCLIC RATE OF FIRE WHAT ARE THEY?

DURING THE KOREAN WAR, AMONG ITS SLEEKER BRETHREN, THE JETS, THE OLD VOUGHT F4U DID YOEMAN SERVICE AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AGAINST SLOW NIGHT FLYING BOMBERS THEY HAD TO BE CALLED IN BECAUSE THE SABRES WERE IMPOTENT AS A CAPON UNDER NIGHT CONDITIONS.

IF EVERY ENEMY WOULD FIGHT THE KIND OF WAR WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO THEN WARFARE WOULD TAKE ON A NEW ASPECT. HAVING BEEN CONSIDERABLY MORE ON HAND THAN WAS EITHER ENJOYABLE OR AMUSING, I KNOW WHEREOF I SPEAK. I REFER TO THE FACT THAT IN THE PACIFIC NOTABLY THE BOOK WAS WORTHLESS AND HAD TO BE THROWN AWAY WITH DISPATCH. LUCKILY, THE MILITARY MINDS OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS BEING HIGHLY FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE, WE WERE ABLE TO GET UP AND DUST OURSELVES OFF AND GO AHEAD. AS VALOROUS AND INTELLIGENT AS WERE THE GERMANS, IN TWO WORLD WARS THEY WERE HAMPERED AND EVENTUALLY BEATEN BECAUSE OF IRON-BOUND MILITARY CONCEPTS. OVER-SPECIALIZATION WAS THEIR DOWNFALL AS I HAVE POINTED OUT BEFORE, JUST AS THE MAGINOT LINE, IN FACT, AS WELL AS IN THOUGHT, BEAT FRANCE BEFORE THE FIRST SHOT WAS FIRED. AN APPROXIMATE PARALLEL WOULD BE LACKING UP THE WHOLE HOUSE EXCEPT FOR THE BACK DOOR THEN SITTING BACK SMUG AND COMFORTABLE.

THE BLOOD BROTHER TO SPECILIZATION IS THAT FATUOUS COMPLACENCY THAT INFECTS THE SPECIALISTS. GOERING WAS CONVINCED AND MUST HAVE CONVINCED HITLER THAT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE WAS THE ULTIMATE. CONTROL OF THE AIR BY THE BRITISH AT DUNKIRK BY A PITIFUL HANDFUL OF MEN AND PLANES EXPLODED THE MYTH OF GERMAN AIR SUPERIORITY, BOTH AS REGARDS MEN AND MATERIAL...AND PREVENTED WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MOST DISASTEROUS DEFEAT OF AN ARMY IN MODERN MEMORY. IT CAME TOO CLOSE TO JUST THAT AS IT WAS.

NOTED IN A UP WIRE RELEASE AS CARRIED BY THE MORNING ADVOCATE 3-5-58, AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT ON THE CONVICTION OF BILLY MITCHELL 33 YEARS AGO, OR AS THEY PUT IT, "VIOLATING OF MILITARY LAW". THE INTERESTING THING IS THAT BY VIOLATING THE LAW, A VIOLATION THAT STRIPPED HIM OF RANK AND PRIVILEGES, AND THOUGHT BY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO HAVE HASTENED HIS DEATH, A CRUSHED AND EMBITTERED MAN, WAS GOOD ENOUGH AFTER THREE DECADES TO EARN HIM THE HIGHEST MILITARY HONOR THIS COUNTRY AWARDS. I WISH THERE WAS A WORD STRONGER THAN PARADOX. THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR...AND I'D GIVE MUCH TO HAVE READ THE CITATION. WHAT COULD THEY SAY TO A DEAD MAN, A MAN OF

SUCH SUPERB VISION THAT HE READ WWII OFF TO THEM IN ROUND FIGURES YEARS AHEAD, A MAN WHO IN SPITE OF HIS MILITARY BACKGROUND HAD THE SUPREME GUTS TO TELL HIS SUPERIORS OFF IN LANGUAGE THAT THEY COULD UNDERSTAND BUT NOT BELIEVE...EVEN AFTER HE HAD TAKEN THE BOMBERS OF HIS DAY WITH BOMB SIGHTS CRUDE IN THE EXTREME AND SANK SEVERAL WWI GERMAN BATTLESHIPS. THAT'S HOW DEEP IN MENTAL STASIS THE MILITARY OF HIS DAY WAS MIERD.

HIS SON ASKED FOR REVERSAL OF THE COURTS FINDINGS BUT THE AIR FORCE COULDN'T SEE IT... NOT EVEN AFTER 33 YEARS. AIR FORCE SECRETARY DOUGLAS TURNED DOWN THE PETITION HOLDING THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE COURT WERE JUSTIFIED BUT HE ADDED THAT MITCHELL'S VIEWS HAD BEEN VINDICATED AND HIS VISION CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AIR POWER WAS AMAZINGLY ACCURATE. HE STATED THAT "THE NATION WAS DEEPLY IN HIS DEBT. NOTE THIS LITTLE PIECE OF LINT-HEADED PECULARITY, "THE AIR FORCE SECRETARY FOUND THAT THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AGAINST MITCHELL SUBSTANTIATED THE CHARGE AND THE FINDINGS OF THE COURT MARTIAL THAT MITCHELL HAD CONDUCTED HIMSELF TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE IN A WAY TO BRING DISCREDIT TO THE MILITARY SERVICE". ORDER AND DISCIPLINE WE MUST HAVE AT ALL COSTS. VISION...NO, NO. A NEW RADICAL IDEA THAT HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PROVING BEYOND A DOUBT. TEN TIMES NO. PERFORMANCE OF A JOB WITH SUCH SPECTACULAR SUCCESS THAT IT REVOLUTIONIZED AN ENTIRE WORLD'S MILITARY OUTLOOK AND WON US WWII. PERFORMANCE SO OUTSTANDING THAT IT WON HIM AFTER HIS DEATH THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST AWARD AND YET THE COURT AND ITS FINDINGS MUST STAND. IT SEEMS THAT THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY MUST HINGE ON THOSE PRECIOUS FEW WHO COULD SUCCESSFULLY RESIST MILITARY BRAIN WASHING. ONE RECENT POINT IN FACT, AND IRONICAL IN THAT HE SAT ON THE BILLY MITCHELL COURT MARTIAL AND SUFFERED AT LEAST SOME OF MITCHELL'S FATE IS GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR...WHO INCIDENTALLY SAID HE VOTED IN FAVOR OF MITCHELL. GENERAL MACARTHUR WAS SO INDOCTRINATED THAT HE FOUND HIMSELF IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION...HAVING TO FIGHT A WAR THAT HE WAS NOT SUPPOSE TO WIN.

I DOUBT THAT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD ANY GENERAL WAS EVER FACED WITH A SIMILAR INCONSISTANCY. FIGHT TEAM FIGHT, BUT DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF WINNING. THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT MITCHELL COULD HAVE RESIGNED. SO, PROBABLY COULD MACARTHUR, NICKERSON AND JOHN CROMMELIN AND OTHERS WHO RATHER THAN TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT CHOSE TO LAY THEIR CAREERS ON THE BLOCK AND FIGHT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THEMSELVES RIGHT AND HAD BEEN TAUGHT TO FIGHT. BUT...GOD BLESS DISCIPLINE AND AT ANY COST, AT ANY EXPENSE, AT THE COST OF BILLIONS OF MONEY AND THOUSANDS OF LIVES...LET'S HAVE IT. MITCHELL ACCUSED HIS PEERS, AFTER A SERIES OF SPECTACULAR AND ACCORDING TO HIM USELESS AIR CRASHES (INCLUDING THAT OF THE SHENANDOAH THE NAVY DIRIGIBLE...AND IT TOOK THE NAVY SOME YEARS, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND TOO MANY LIVES TO DECIDE THAT THE GIANT BLIMPS WERE SPECTACULAR BUT WORTHLESS) OF "INCOMPETENCE, CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE AND ALMOST TREASONABLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE BY THE NAVY AND WAR DEPARTMENTS? DOUGLAS SAYS THAT TIME HAS VINDICATED MITCHELL'S IDEAS. SO...ALL HE DID WAS SPEAK THE TRUTH.

BUT BILLY'S BONES MUST MOULDER IN DISHONOR BECAUSE TRADITION AND DISCIPLINE MUST EVEN AT THE COSTS OF A DEAD HERO'S FAMILY'S PEACE OF MIND, BE MAINTAINED.

TIME MAGAZINE, MARCH 10, SPACE SHIPS AND MISSILES MAY CARRY MAGNETS TO KEEP THEIR NOSES COOL WHEN THEY PLUNGE INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, SAYS DR. J. L. NEURINGER OF REPUBLIC AVIATION CORP. WHO HAS ALREADY WORKED OUT A SYSTEM OF, AS HE LIKES TO TERM IT, "MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMIC INSULATION".

"PHYSICIST NEURINGER'S PROPOSAL IS TO CREATE A STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD ON THE FRONT SURFACE OF THE RE-ENTRY BODY. WHEN IONIZED AIR FLOWS ACROSS IT THE BREAKING ACTION OF THE MAGNETISM WILL MAKE IT PILE UP IN A DEEPER SLOWER MOVING LAYER THAT WILL NOT TRANSFER AS MUCH HEAT TO THE SOLID SURFACE.

TIME, MARCH 10, EDUCATION: "URGING A HARVARD UNIVERSITY AUDIENCE TO BRIDGE THE GULF BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC AND NONSCIENTIFIC CULTURES ENGLAND'S SIR C. P. SNOW, PHYSICIST AND NOVELIST MAPPED THE ABYSS BY NOTING: "I HAVE OFTEN ASKED DISTINGUISHED ENGLISH WRITERS AND THE LIKE, A RATHER SIMPLE QUESTION, "WHAT IDEA, IF ANY, DO YOU HAVE OF THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS?" "AND AN AIR OF GOGGLE-EYES STUPEFACTION COMES OVER THE PARTY. WHEN MY WIFE MARRIED ME SHE THOUGHT A MACHINE TOOL WAS SOMETHING VERY SMALL AND BRIGHT AND HAD A SORT OF RED JEWEL IN IT."

A RIGHT INTERESTING METEOR (OR SOMETHING) FELL IN THE COVINGTON AREA, SATURDAY NIGHT. MORNING ADVOCATE, 3-9-58. ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNT SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE GENERAL BATON ROUGE AREA SAW IT. RYAN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER OBSERVER SAID IT WAS THE BRIGHTEST HE HAD EVER SEEN. ONE WITNESS SAID "IT WAS AS BIG AS THE MOON." WONDER OF EXPLORER 1! CAME BACK HOME IN A BURST OF FIREWORKS?